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PASS DEFENSE FOR COL ACKERSON, OFFICE OF ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, GW

SUBJECT: OFFSET : WORKING PARTY ON INFRASTRUCTURE

REF: ACKERSON/HERMBERG TELECON

1. WE HAVE INFORMED ADMIRAL STEINHAUS OF PROPOSED
VISIT BY COL ACKERSON FOR CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSIONS
ON INFRASTRUCTURE. ADMIRAL STEINHAUS TELLS US THAT IN
HIS OPINION THE WORKING PARTY ON INFRASTRUCTURE HAS
EXHAUSTED POSSIBLE DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO NEW DIRECTIONS
FROM THE PRINCIPALS INVOLVED IN THE OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS.
HE THEREFORE IS RELUCTANT TO SCHEDULE A MEETING NEXT
WEEK WHICH IN HIS OPINION WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE
ANY PROGRESS IN MOVING THINGS FORWARD OR IN CLARIFYING
ISSUES. ADMIRAL STEINHAUS WILL HOWEVER DISCUSS THIS
MATTER FURTHER WITH AMBASSADOR HERMES AFTER HERMES'
RETURN FROM NAIROBI ON OCTOBER 1 AND THEREAFTER BE IN
TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE HAVE
ASKED ADMIRAL STEINHAUS TO NEVERTHELESS RESERVE TIME
STARTING AT 1000 ON OCTOBER 3 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH
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COL ACKERSON IF AFTER ADMIRAL STEINHAUS CONVERSATION

WITH AMBASSADOR HERMES HE SHOULD FEEL IN A BETTER POSITION FOR ANOTHER MEETING. WE HAVE INDICATED TO ADMIRAL STEINHAUS THAT COL ACKERSON MIGHT BE COMING TO GERMANY EVEN IF THE WORKING PARTY DOES NOT MEET, AND ADMIRAL STEINHAUS SEEMED TO FEEL THAT IN THAT CASE AN INFORMAL MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND COL ACKERSON MIGHT BE POSSIBLE EVEN IF IN HIS VIEW THERE IS NOTHING USEFUL THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING PARTY CAN DO AT THIS TIME OR ANYTHING NEW TO BE DISCUSSED. HE WILL GIVE US A FINAL ANSWER ON THIS POINT TOO AFTER HAVING BEEN ABLE TO CHECK WITH AMBASSADOR HERMES.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS WITH COL ACKERSON PRIOR TO HIS MEETINGS, IF ANY, WITH ADMIRAL STEINHAUS AND SUGGESTS THAT IF COL ACKERSON DECIDES TO COME TO BONN DESPITE THE UNCERTAINTIES OUTLINED ABOVE, HE WOULD ARRIVE IN TIME FOR INTERNAL MEETINGS IN THE EMBASSY IN THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 2.

3. WE HAVE RESERVED A ROOM FOR COL ACKERSON AT THE HOTEL ADLER IN BAD GODESBERG STARTING ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 2.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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